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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS OUTLINED TO AMB SCHAUFLE ON JULY 31 THEIR EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN AUGUST AND OF SENDING A NORWEGIAN OFFICIAL TO PYONGYONG AND SEOUL IN SEPTEMBER FOR LAST-MINUTE SOUNDINGS BEFORE THE UNGA. AT A RECEPTION THAT EVENING, SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OH CONFIRMED TO AMB SCHAUFLE AND AN EMBOFF THAT ROK PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER HAM WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT OSLO ON AUGUST 16. OH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT LEIF EDWARDSSEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, WOULD MAKE THE SEPTEMBER TRIP TO KOREA.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING EVENING,
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VRAALSEN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO PARTICIPATED IN

THE JULY 31 MEETING WITH AMB SCHAUFELLE, GAVE EMBOFF A BRIEF RUN-DOWN ON THE TALKS HELD THAT DAY (AUGUST 1) WITH THE FIRST OF THE VISITING KOREAN DELEGATIONS AND ALSO CAST DOUBT ON THE FIRMNESS OF THE NORWEGIAN PLANS FOR A MISSION TO KOREA. VRAALSEN SAID THE NORTH KOREAN EMISSARY (THE DPRK AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW) HAD GONE OVER FAMILIAR POSITIONS BUT HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY; THE NORWEGIANS DETECTED NO GIVE IN PYONGYONG'S OPPOSITION TO A TWO-KOREAS APPROACH TO UN MEMBERSHIP. GIVEN THESE RATHER DISAPPOINTING RESULTS, AND ASSUMING THE ROK EMISSARY IN MID-AUGUST ALSO HAS NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ABOUT THE ROK INITIATIVE, VRAALSEN THOUGHT THE NORWEGIANS MIGHT DECIDE THAT THERE WOULD REALLY BE NOTHING TO BE GAINED FROM THE LONG TRIP TO KOREA IN SEPTEMBER. BUCHANAN

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